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In re Application of:)
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Robert H. HALSTEAD, Jr.) Group Art Unit: 2672
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Application No.: 09/966,564) Examiner: Javid D. AMINI
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Filed: September 27, 2001)
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
PROCESSING GRAPHICAL)
OBJECTS FOR LAYOUT USING AN)
ELASTIC DIFFERENCE) **Mail Stop Amendment**
OPERATION)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Assignee, Sumisho Computer Systems Corporation, duly organized under the laws of Japan and having its principal place of business at Harumi Island Triton Square Office Tower Z, 1-8-12, Harumi, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, Application No. 09/966,564, filed September 27, 2001, for SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING GRAPHICAL OBJECTS FOR LAYOUT USING AN ELASTIC DIFFERENCE OPERATION in the name of Robert H. Halstead, Jr., as indicated by assignments duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012681, Frame 0350 on February 28, 2002; and Reel 014683, Frame 0938 on June 4,

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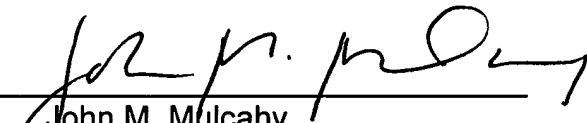
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